

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Listing of claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1 (Currently Amended): A facsimile machine comprising:

means for scanning an original document to generate image data;

means for detecting whether an amount of the image data exceeds a prescribed image data amount;

means for dividing the image data in parallel with the scanning of the original document each time the amount of the image data is detected to exceed the prescribed image data amount; and

means for transmitting each divided image data by electronic mail.

2 (Original): The facsimile machine according to claim 1, wherein the means for transmitting further includes means for establishing a connection with a remote device when the scanning of the original document is started.

3 (Original): The facsimile machine according to claim 2, wherein the means for transmitting further includes means for maintaining the connection with the remote device until all divided image data are transmitted.

4 (Original): The facsimile machine according to claim 1, further comprising:

means for storing the electronic mail;

means for receiving information regarding reception of the electronic mail from the remote device; and

means for erasing the electronic mail from the means for storing when it is determined that the remote device received the electronic mail normally in accordance with the information received from the remote device.

5 (Currently Amended): A facsimile machine comprising:

means for scanning an original document to generate image data;

means for detecting whether an amount of the image data exceeds a prescribed image data amount;

means for dividing the image data in parallel with the scanning of the original document each time the amount of the image data is detected to exceed the prescribed image data amount;

means for transmitting each divided image data by electronic mail; and

means for stopping the transmission of the electronic mail when an error generates in the means for generating.

6 (Currently Amended): A facsimile machine comprising:

means for scanning an original document to generate image data;

means for detecting whether an amount of the image data exceeds a prescribed image data amount;

means for dividing the image data in parallel with the scanning of the original document each time the amount of the image data is detected to exceed the prescribed image data amount;

means for transmitting each divided image data by electronic mail; and

means for stopping the scanning of the original document when an error generates in the means for transmitting.

7 (Original): The facsimile machine according to claim 6, further comprising:

means for storing the electronic mail; and

means for retransmitting the electronic mail by outputting the electronic mail from the means for storing when it is determined that the electronic mail can be retransmitted based on contents of the error.

8 (Original): The facsimile machine according to claim 6, further comprising:

means for stopping the scanning of the original document and the transmission of the electronic mail when it is determined that the electronic mail cannot be retransmitted based on contents of the error.

9 (Currently Amended): A facsimile machine comprising:

means for scanning an original document to generate image data;

means for detecting whether an amount of the image data exceeds a prescribed image data amount;

means for dividing the image data in parallel with the scanning of the original document each time the amount of the image data is detected to exceed the prescribed image data amount;

means for transmitting each divided image data by electronic mail;

means for providing the electronic mail with information regarding an error when detecting the error in the transmitted electronic mail; and

means for retransmitting the electronic mail.

10 (Original): The facsimile machine according to claim 9, further comprising:

means for storing the electronic mail; and

means for retransmitting the electronic mail by outputting the electronic mail from the means for storing when it is determined that the electronic mail can be retransmitted based on contents of the error.

11 (Original): The facsimile machine according to claim 9, further comprising:

means for stopping the scanning of the original document and the transmission of the electronic mail when it is determined that the electronic mail cannot be retransmitted based on the contents of the error.

12 (Currently Amended): A facsimile machine comprising:

means for scanning an original document to generate image data;

means for detecting whether an amount of the image data exceeds a prescribed image data amount;

means for dividing the image data in parallel with the scanning of the original document each time the amount of the image data is detected to exceed the prescribed image data amount;

means for transmitting each divided image data by electronic mail; and

means for providing the electronic mail with information indicating a transmission number of the electronic mail.

13 (Original): The facsimile machine according to claim 12, further comprising:

means for providing the electronic mail with information indicating whether subsequent electronic mail will be transmitted.

14 (Original): The facsimile machine according to claim 12, further comprising:

means for providing the electronic mail with information indicating a total number of the electronic mails.

15 (Original): The facsimile machine according to claim 12, further comprising:

means for providing the electronic mail with page information of the original document.